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In re Application of
Charles W. Shattuck, et al.
Application No. 09/966,230
Filed: September 28, 2001
For: THRUST BEARING AND METHOD OF
MAKING SAME

DECISION ON PETITION
TO WITHDRAW THE
HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

This is in reply applicant's Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181 filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on September 29, 2003.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

A review of the file record indicates that the application was held abandoned for failure to timely file a proper response to the Office action dated March 25, 2003, although a Notice to that effect has yet to be mailed.

Petitioner states that a response was filed on April 24, 2003 by facsimile transmission. The copy of the response submitted with the petition includes a Certificate of Transmission dated April 24, 2003.

Any petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment based upon a Certificate of Transmission by facsimile must include the following requirements:

- (1) A copy of the original response bearing a signed Certificate of Transmission which includes the date of signing; and
- (2) A statement under 37 CFR 1.8(b)(3) attesting to the personal knowledge of transmitting the original response on the date indicated on the Certificate of Transmission (see 37 CFR 1.8 and MPEP 512).

While meeting requirement (1) above the petition fails, under requirement (2), to also include a statement under 37 CFR 1.8(b)(3) attesting to the personal knowledge of sending the original response by facsimile transmission on the date indicated on the certificate, by the person who signed the certificate.

Further, the copy of the facsimile confirmation page and/or cover sheet having the April 24, 2003 date cannot be relied upon as proof of timely filing the response. See section 512 of the MPEP.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(b) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment Under 37 CFR 1.81."



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